One of the most remarkable features of the service provided by toll motorways is safety. Due to awareness of the importance of preserving differentiating higher safety levels than non-tolled roads, safety is a deciding factor for every stage of a motorway’s life cycle. In the planning stage, the motorway is designed to reduce the number of accidents as far as possible, thereby avoiding situations of risk to drivers. Geometric characteristics guarantee safe driving by using minimum width limits for curves, separate roads, wide road lanes, cutting out level crossings and so on.

Later in the construction stage, high-quality surface materials are laid to ensure better tyre adherence and efficient rainwater drainage. Tolled motorways also have specially designed equipment to ensure road safety, such as perimeter fences, anti-glare panels, lighting at toll stations and semi-urban stretches, cutting-edge operational and traffic management centres, closed-circuit television, traffic data collection systems, 24 hour customer care, SOS posts and meteorological stations, amongst other safety systems. There are fast road patrols for collecting lost items, providing early assistance and warnings of any incidents/accidents and there is an efficient winter service based on 24 hour monitoring of road and weather conditions. Traffic is made safe at road works sites through early and efficient warnings, road marking and the setting up of protective fences including TMAs (truck mounted attenuators).

Priority is always given to the safety of people and goods travelling throughout the motorway concession network. This concerns both motorists and lorry drivers, who need to be able to find places to rest in a relaxing atmosphere.

Providing a Safe Road Network

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All these measures covering security, safety and quality of service must also provide reassurance to motorway customers and encourage their good driving behaviour in order to make motorways a place where people feel at ease, particularly when using rest or service areas.

In order to uphold this commitment, ASECAP has signed the “European Road Safety Charter”, a participatory platform, promoted by the European Commission, where different stakeholders undertake positive commitments and carry out concrete common actions to address road safety problems and to reduce road fatalities across Europe. ASECAP is actively committed to exchanging best practices and information with all signatories of the Road Charter in order to provide the highest standards within the toll road network.

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